

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-439 (PACS B3) Construction Date: 1926

Name: Frank Canter Property

Location: 15400 Scout Camp Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Frank Canter Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay, front-gable cottage on the north side of Scout Camp Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed in 1926, the building has a hipped-roof porch on the front elevation, a 1-story addition on the rear elevation, and a screened porch on the east elevation. The structure has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney. The rear addition has an asphalt shingle, shed-roof and an exterior brick chimney. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood.

### Significance:

Constructed in 1926, the Frank Canter Property is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type. In addition, the form and massing of the original cottage have been altered by the construction of the rear shed-roof addition and by the screened porch. According to deed research, Frank Canter purchased the .4 hectare (1 acre) lot in 1925. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the premises in 1926. The parcel associated with the premises increased to 1.2 hectares (3 acres) when its current owners, Marguerite C. and Charles R. Canter, acquired it in 1972.

Preparer  
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January 1997

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**MD 5 - Hughesville Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Frank Canter Property

and/or common Marguerite C. and Charles R. Canter Property

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 15400 Scout Camp Road

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hughesville

x vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county Charles

**3. Classification:****Category**

\_\_\_ district

x building(s)

\_\_\_ structure

\_\_\_ site

\_\_\_ object

**Ownership**

\_\_\_ public

x private

\_\_\_ both

**Public Acquisition**

\_\_\_ in process

\_\_\_ being considered

x not applicable**Status**

\_\_\_ occupied

x unoccupied

\_\_\_ work in progress

**Accessible**x yes: restricted

\_\_\_ yes: unrestricted

\_\_\_ no

**Present Use**

\_\_\_ agriculture

\_\_\_ commercial

\_\_\_ education

\_\_\_ entertainment

\_\_\_ government

\_\_\_ industrial

\_\_\_ military

\_\_\_ transportation

\_\_\_ museum

\_\_\_ park

\_\_\_ private

\_\_\_ residence

\_\_\_ religious

\_\_\_ scientific

x other:

vacant

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marguerite C. and Charles R. Canter

street &amp; number P.O. Box 396

telephone no.:

city,town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637-0396

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 261

street &amp; number Charles Street

folio 668

city,town La Plata

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date

\_\_\_ federal

\_\_\_ state

\_\_\_ county

\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 5

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Frank Canter Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay, front-gable cottage on the north side of Scout Camp Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed in 1926, the building has a hipped-roof porch on the front elevation, a 1-story addition on the rear elevation, and a screened porch on the east elevation.

The structure has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney. The rear addition has an asphalt shingle, shed-roof and an exterior brick chimney. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise.

The south, or front elevation has a hipped-roof porch supported by turned wood posts. The porch has a brick foundation. The elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with a 4-light wood door centered between two first story 6/6 double-hung windows. There are two 6-light awning windows in the gable end.

The west elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern, with one single and one pair of 6/6 double-hung windows.

The north, or rear elevation is concealed on the first story by the shed-roof addition. There are two 6-light awning windows in the gable end. The floor of the addition is elevated above grade on concrete blocks, and it has an exterior brick chimney. The north elevation of the addition has three 6/6 double-hung windows, and the west elevation has a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows. The east elevation of the addition is concealed by the screened porch.

The east elevation of the cottage is concealed on the third bay by part of the screened porch. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with two 6/6 double-hung windows in the first and second bays, and a door opening onto the screened porch in the third bay.

There are four outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a garage with an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof. Constructed circa 1930, the garage is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it is located east of the cottage.

The second outbuilding is a garage with a standing seam metal, side-gable roof. Constructed circa 1950, the garage is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it is located northeast of the cottage and north of the first garage.

The third outbuilding is a shed with an asphalt shingle, front-roof. Constructed circa 1930, the shed is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it is located northeast of the cottage, north of the first garage, and northeast of the second garage.

The fourth outbuilding is a barn with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1930, the barn is of wood-frame construction with wood siding. The barn is located northeast of the cottage and other outbuildings.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

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The property is located on the north side of Scout Camp Road, east of Herbert Road. There are woods to the north and residences to the east. The site slopes up to the northeast from the road. The property's setting is a rural area.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
__prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	humanitarian
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
X 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other (specify)

Specific dates 1926	Builder/Architect
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**check:**      Applicable Criteria:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D  
                       and/or  
Applicable Exceptions:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D   \_\_\_E   \_\_\_F   \_\_\_G  
  
Level of Significance:    \_\_\_national                          state                          local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Constructed in 1926, the Frank Canter Property is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type. In addition, the form and massing of the original cottage have been altered by the construction of the rear shed-roof addition and by the screened porch. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures. According to deed research, Frank Canter purchased the .4 hectare (1 acre) lot in 1925. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the premises in 1926. The parcel associated with the premises increased to 1.2 hectares (3 acres) when its current owners, Marguerite C. and Charles R. Canter, acquired it in 1972.

The Frank Canter Property is located in Charles County, Maryland. The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary, and Charles County was founded in 1658. This area was originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtwn Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Frank Canter Property is a front-gable, vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1926, the Frank Canter Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type. In addition, the form and massing of the original cottage have been altered by the construction of the rear shed-roof addition and by the screened porch. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Comments _____	
_____	
_____	
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Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/15/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/21/98</u>

[Signature]

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-439 (PACS B3)

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See Continuation Sheet

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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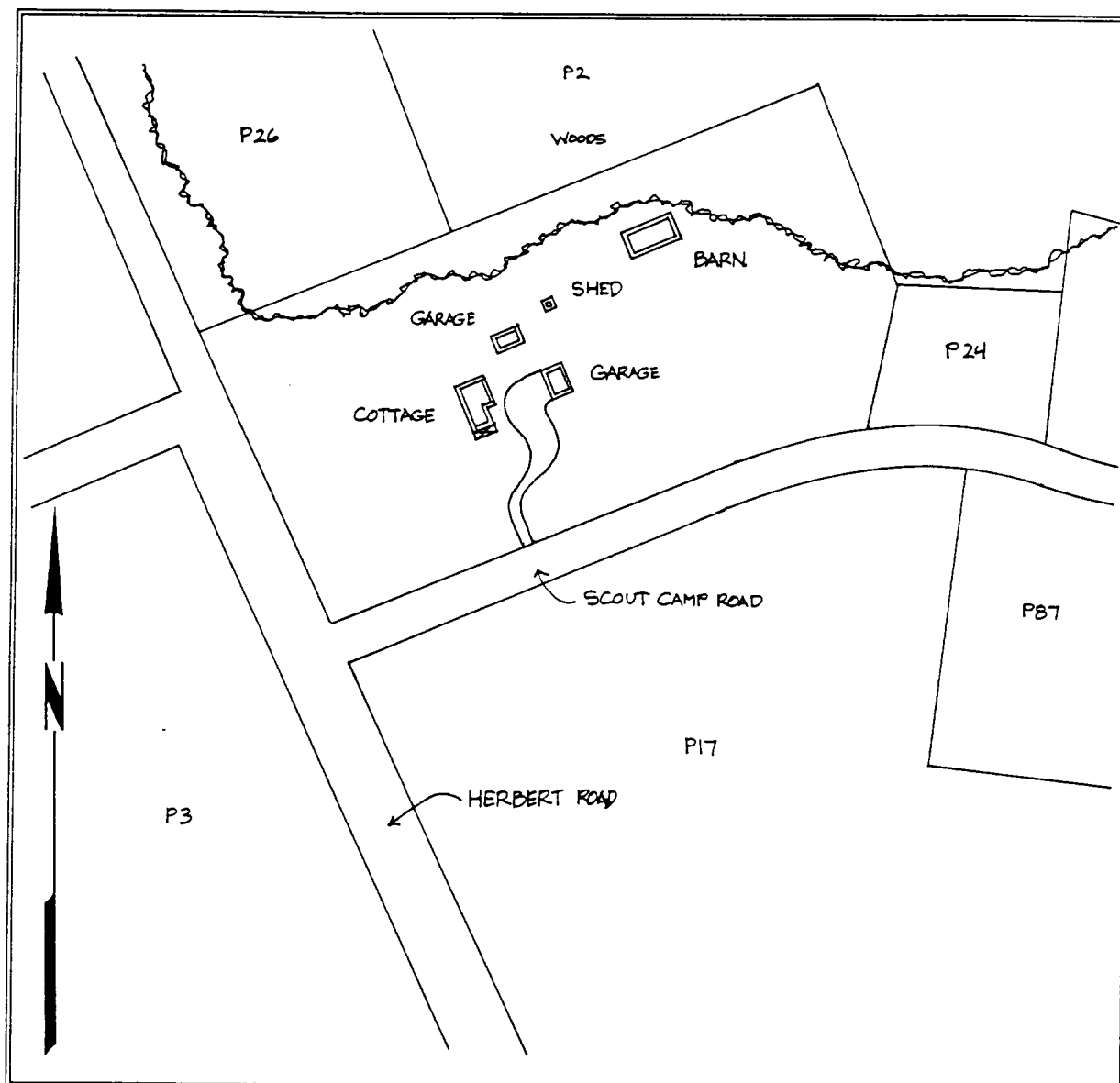
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

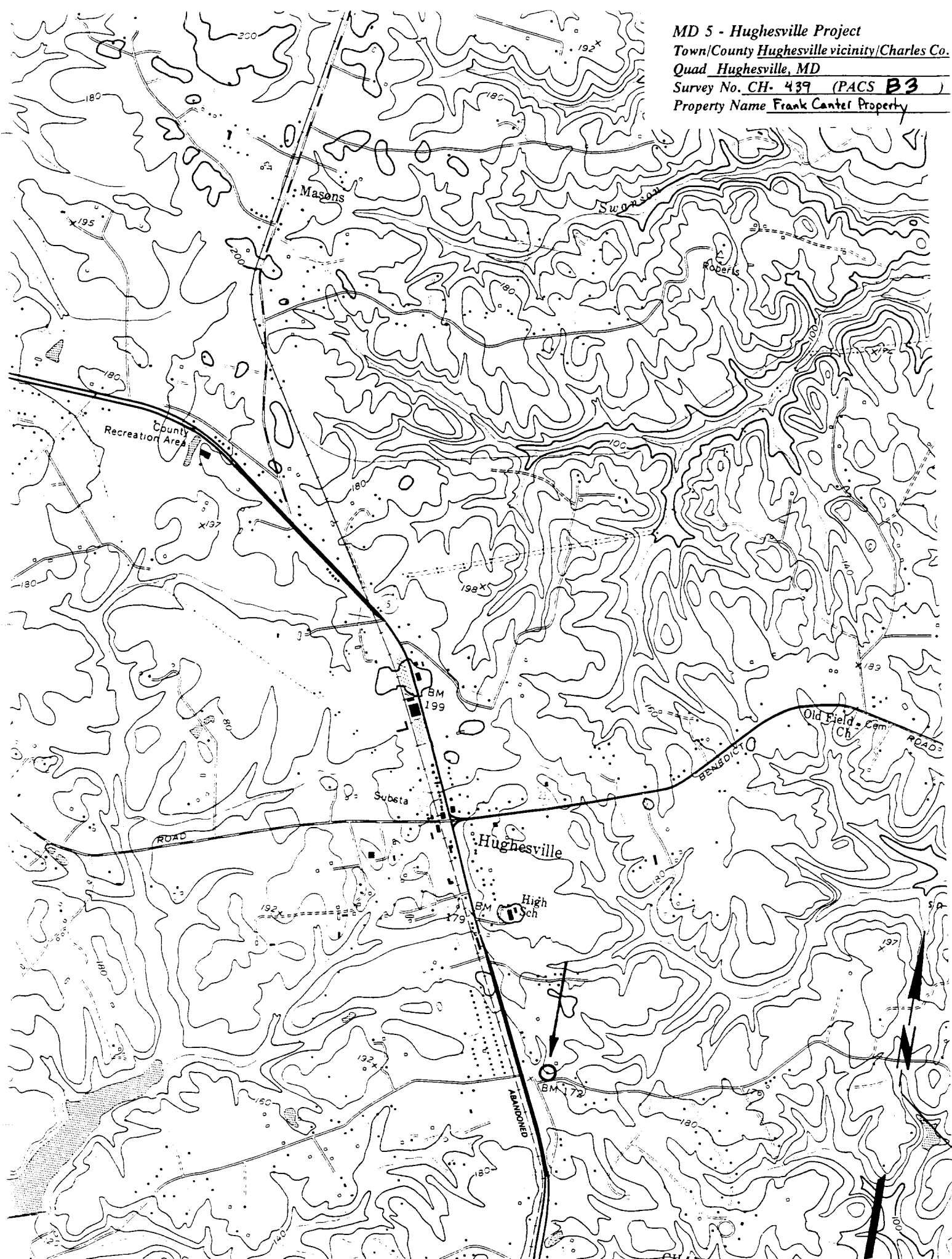
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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- 4- Ryan McKay
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Southwest elevation, view NE
- 8- 1 of 7





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- 2 Frank Carter Property
- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Ryan McKay
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- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 West + North elevation, view SE
- 8 3 of 7



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2 Frank Carter Property

3 Charles County, MD

4 Ryan McKay

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6 MD SHPO

7 South + East elevation, view NW

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1 CH-439

2 Frank Canter Property

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4 Ryan McKay

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6 MD SHPO

7 2-car garage, view SE  
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2 Frank Carter's Property

3 Charles County, MD

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7 garage, view NE

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7 Shed, view NE

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